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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

| Sir: | |
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| | is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. the above-identified application. |
| 1 | Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on |
| 2 | Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on |
| 3. <u>X</u> | Enclosed is/are |
| | <pre>Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations Other (identify):</pre> |
| 4 | Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed. |
| | A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed. |
| • | A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. |
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5. X A check in the amount of \$ 790.00 is enclosed.

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| 6. <u>X</u> | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. |
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| | <pre>RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). X Other fees (identify): any other required fees.</pre> |
| 7. <u>x</u> | Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed. |

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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